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STATEMENTS OF MANOLA RAY, EXILE LEADER M OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMEN

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MANOLO RAY, EXILE LEADER OF MOVIMIENTO REVOLUCIONARIO DEL PUEBLO (MRP - PREORLE S REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT) SAID IN

EARLY OCTOBER THAT HE WAS FURMLY OPPOSED TO ANY INVASION OF CUBAS INSUSTING THAT CASTROLS OVERTHROW WAS TO BE ACHIEVED BY INTERNAL

RESTSTANCE AND THIS HAD ALREADY STARTED.

THE MRP WAS ORGANIZED THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND AND SUPPORTED

BY ALL CLASSES OF THE POPULATION. IT HAD MEMBERS IN ALL 33

TRADE UNIONS, THE G-2, MILITIA AND THROUGHOUT THE ADMINISTRATION.

RAY ESTIMATED 80 PERCENT OF POPULATION WERE OPPOSED TO CASTRO.

THOUGH MAJORITY WERE NOT MACTIVELY SO. HE CONSIDERED THE MRP MI

PRESENT ENJOYED MORE SUPPORT THAN THE ORTGINAL REVOLUTION HAD

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- 3. THE MRP WAS PRESENTLY SHORT OF ARMS AND EXPLOSIVES BUT THE POSITION WAS IMPROVING (A MILITIA CAPTAIN WAS RECENTLY SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR PASSING ARMS TO THE MRP). NO HELP WHATSOEVER HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY THE INTERNAL RESISTANCE FROM THE "SOURCES IN THE UNITED STATES, WHO PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR THE INVASION". THESE SOURCES WERE STILL THINKING INEFFECTUALLY IN TERMS OF A FURTHER INVASION.
- 4. THE GENERAL ATTITUDE OF THE RESISTANCE IN CUBA TOWARDS
 THE EXILES WAS ONE OF INDIFFERENCE MOUNTING TO CONTEMPT FOR
 SPECIFIC MOVES SUCH AS THE PROPOSED PROMOTION OF A CUBAN GOVT
 IN EXILE. WHAT THE RESISTANCE WANTED WAS FUNDS AND THE RETURN,
 BY INFILTRATION, OF TRAINED EXILES, PARTICULARLY COMMUNICATION
 EXPERTS.
- 5. ON THE TIMING OF CASTRO'S OVERTHROW, RAY SAID CASTRO WOULD NOT LAST ANOTHER YEAR. HE ADDED THAT THE SITUATION IN CUBA IMMEDIATELY AFTER CASTRO'S DOWNFALL WOULD BE DANGEROUS AND COULD DEVELOP INTO A CIVIL WAR.
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